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LAST EDITION. MR. CORCORAN DEAD

The End Came at Washington Early
This Morning.

Career of the Great Philanthro-
pist and Millionaire.

The Corcoran Art Gallery and the Louisa
Home Two of the Many Monuments
Which Testify to His Generosity—How
His Great Fortune was Accumulated—
Investments in Government Bonds—His
Fidelity to His Southern Friends—Con-
secration and Return of His Property—
Incidents Which Show that His Heart
Was in the Right Place.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Mr. W. W. Cor-
coran, the aged millionaire philanthropist,
died at 6.30 o'clock this morning. He had
suffered continuously from a severe bron-
chial attack, which had confined him to his
bed for over a month. His illness assumed
so serious a form a few days ago that his re-
latives were hastily summoned, and were at his
bedside when he died. Mr. Corcoran slept
almost continually for some days before his
death, and seldom roused sufficiently to re-
cognize the members of his family. His last
moments were peaceful.



WILLIAM WILSON CORCORAN.

William Wilson Corcoran, although he
never held public office, had a national reputa-
tion. His career furnishes a shining ex-
ample for future generations.

He was born in Georgetown, D. C., Dec.
27, 1798. The story of his life reads like a
novel. Mr. Corcoran and George Bancroft,
the historian, were intimate friends for many
years. These two men have been the pride
of the national capital. They were as much
sought after by visitors as the President.
Mr. Corcoran had a peculiar hold on the af-
fections of the people of Washington. His
princely generosity and unaffected genial
manner endeared him to every one who came
in contact with him. His public gifts and
bequests were also numerous. He has given
away several fortunes. The amount of his
public donations would probably exceed
\$5,000,000, and he leaves an estate of several
millions.

His principal capital in life was pluck,
energy, brains and an iron constitution.
That he made the most of these is evident.
His father was a shoemaker, but he managed
to give his three sons a good education. Mr.
Corcoran was the youngest son, was
graduated at Georgetown College at seven-
teen. At that age he joined his brothers in
the wholesale auction and commission busi-
ness.

An incident is related of Mr. Corcoran's
early youth that illustrates the natural thrift
in his character by which he afterwards ac-
quired his great fortune. Col. James M.
Mason, of Virginia, owned a large estate ad-
joining the Lee property at Arlington. Mr.
Mason was afterwards a Senator of the
United States and also figured in the Man-
sfield and Sillidell affair. Mr. Mason was a man
of wealth and kept a great many slaves. He
travels to Washington in a heavy coach re-
sembling an omnibus of the present day.
The crossing of the Potomac was made over
a ferry near the point where the aqueduct
bridge stands to-day. The hill on this side
was steep and the ground soft, making the
coach ailing to wobble and the horses stop-
ping to rest. There was always a great rivalry
among the small boys of the neighborhood to
meet the Mason carriage and carry a stone along
to clock the wheel when the horses stopped to
rest. Young Corcoran was generally the first
one on the ground and got the job and a
silver quarter for his trouble. Mr. Mason
took a liking to young Corcoran, and always
gave him the preference.

THE LOUISA HOME.
Mr. Corcoran's business ventures with his
brothers prospered for a number of years.
But in 1829 there was a general financial
stringency and the firm was forced to sus-
pend. They compromised for 50 cents on the
dollar. Years afterwards the first money that
Mr. Corcoran saved up was used to pay
off these old debts that had been legally com-
promised, with interest. These amounted to
\$46,000. Mr. Corcoran was married in 1835
to Louisa Amory Morris, a daughter of Com-
modore Charles Morris. She died in 1860.
Mr. Corcoran never remarried. He had
one child, a daughter, who was named after
her mother. The memory of her is
shrined in the "Louisa Home," a charitable
institution for indigent old ladies, estab-
lished by Mr. Corcoran.

Mr. Corcoran opened a bankers and brok-
ers office here in 1837, and two years later he
formed a partnership with the late George
W. Riggs. The firm was Corcoran & Riggs.
An intimate friend of the philanthropist
said: "The woman correspondent a story
about Mr. Corcoran that gives a better in-
sight into his character than any other in-
cident of his career."

"It was before we had railroad commu-

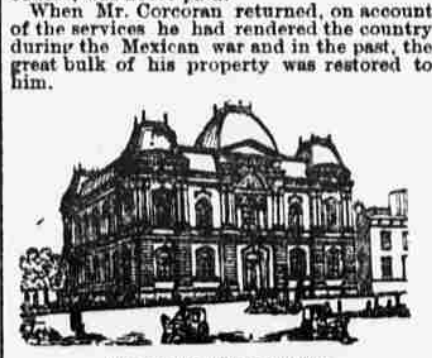
cation with New York," said my informant,
"and the journey was generally made by
water. Mr. Corcoran started for New York
one day with his young wife. He was taking
large specie with him, and sewed up in the
lining of his waistcoat were several thousands
of dollars. In those days the ships did not
make a very close landing to the wharf and
the gangplank was not very steady. A purse
followed by a little child started to board the
vessel. The nurse made her way across the
plank and left the child, a little girl of eight,
to get across alone. Before she accomplished
her task, however, the ship gave a lurch
and threw the child into forty feet of
water. There was a panic on board. Women
screamed and the mother of the child faint-
ed. Mr. Corcoran, without giving a thought to
himself, the money in his clothes or his wife,
jumped overboard and rescued the child.
He had a narrow escape in trying to keep up
with his clothes on; but that act marked the
generous promptings of his heart."

SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS.
The firm of Corcoran & Riggs was suc-
cessful from the start. They took on its ac-
count nearly all the loans of the Govern-
ment, and at one time during the Mexican
war Mr. Riggs, prudently retired from the
firm. At this time Mr. Corcoran became
the fiscal agent of the Government, and ne-
gotiated the bulk of our war debt. The step
was a bold one in the judgment of financiers,
but Mr. Corcoran had faith in the Govern-
ment, and on these transactions he laid the
basis for his colossal fortune. At one time
he owned \$12,000,000 of United States bonds,
at 6 per cent, loan on his hands in a fail-
ing market, which had already sunk below
the price at which he had taken the whole
loan.



CORCORAN MANNION.

Nothing daunted, he embarked for England
and there succeeded through faith inspired
in his business judgment in enlisting the
Bank of England in support of our loan.
The loan subsequently rose to a high price
and was a source of great profit to all
concerned in it. Mr. Corcoran retired from
the banking business in 1854, and up to the
time of his death devoted himself to looking
after his private affairs. When the war broke
out Mr. Corcoran's friends and associations
led him to sympathize with the South. His
strong individual nature, his exposure to his
opinions freely and caused him some trouble.
Learning one day that Secretary Stanton had
decided to confiscate his private residence,
he leased the house for a nominal sum
to the French Minister. The next day,
when the officers called to take possession,
they found that the French Minister had
not got in ahead of them. By the direc-
tion of Secretary Stanton, however, most
of Mr. Corcoran's real estate and other avail-
able property was confiscated, and Mr.
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CORCORAN ART GALLERY.

The building now occupied by the Corcoran
Art Gallery had been confiscated by the Govern-
ment and occupied as a hospital. Mr.
Corcoran agreed to lease the property to the
nation for a national art gallery and con-
tribute a certain amount for its support and
maintenance. This generous offer probably
saved the building from destruction. The
Corcoran Art Gallery is now one of the
finest in the country.
The Louisa Home was founded soon after
Mr. Corcoran's return after the war. It is
intended as a home for gentlemen who
have been better days. Most of its occupants
are from the South, but applicants for ad-
mission are not restricted by locality. Those
of the inmates who can afford to pay some-
thing for their board at the Home are allowed to
do so. The Home is situated on a beautiful
place as long as they live and choose to
avail themselves of it. There is scarcely a
church, college or university in the country
that has not received some assistance from
Mr. Corcoran.

Oak Hill Cemetery, in Georgetown, was
beautified and fitted up at his expense. One
of the great recent acts of Mr. Corcoran was
to have the remains of John Howard Payne
brought home and deposited in Oak Hill,
where Mr. Corcoran erected a handsome
monument in honor of the author of "Home,
Sweet Home." Mr. Corcoran did not make
a display of his private charities. His daily
mail was filled with begging letters. He
answered to have an intuitive knowledge, his
friends say, whether an applicant for assist-
ance was deserving or not. He made a spe-
cialty of helping deserving young girls,
and was very thoughtful and considerate.
He received a note from a young lady, who
said she was very anxious to have her photo-
graph taken, but was too poor to afford the
expense. Mr. Corcoran in reply said:
"If you are too poor to have your picture
taken you probably have no clothes suitable
for it." He inclosed a check to cover the
cost of the pictures and a new outfit besides.
His daughter married the late Congress-
man Austin, of Louisiana, a brother of Sen-
ator Eustis, of that State. A son of Senator
Eustis recently married Mr. Corcoran's
granddaughter.

A GEORGETOWN VALLEY LANDMARK BURNED.
(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
DANVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The John C. Williams
cottage mill was burned last night. The mill
was built fifty-two years ago, and is an old land-
mark of the Georgetown Valley. Loss, \$50,000; small
insurance.

The Third Free Organ Recital.
The third free organ recital at the First Presby-
terian church, Fifth avenue and Twelfth street,
will be given by Gerrit Smith and Monday after-
noon at 8.30 o'clock. Mr. Smith will be assisted
by Mr. Gerrit Smith, soprano.

RARE EXCELLENCE in the verdict in favor of the
TUGAN CHOC-OUT CHARTERS.

HE WOULDN'T KEEP A DIVE.

TOM GOULD DENIES THAT HE IS GUILTY
OF CONTEMPT OF COURT.

If He Went to the Sans Souci It Was to
Meet Friends—Love of Music Often Im-
pelled Him to Call for a Song—Resides
in a Suite of Rooms—An Affidavit from the Man Who Says He
Owns the Place.

The sustaining presence of portly Coun-
ciller William F. Howe enabled Tom Gould
to assume quite a confident and jaunty air as
he strolled into Supreme Court, Chambers,
this morning to show cause why he should
not be punished for wilful contempt.

There seemed to be a rivalry between Mr.
Howe and his client in the matter of personal
decoration.

The whilom proprietor of the Sans Souci
had oiled his hair and big brick blonde must-
ache with extra care and wore a brand-new
light brown beaver overcoat, patent leather
shoes with cream-colored gaiters and a very
shiny silk hat.

Lawyer Howe appeared in costly furs, and
gears of unusual size and magnificence
adorned his fingers and ample shirt bosom.

At 12.45 Judge Patterson called "The
Mayor against Thomas E. Gould," and Mr.
John F. Tupper, who had \$250 a third day
imprisonment in Ludlow Street Jail.

He said he was sick. He was suffering
then and is still suffering from hemorrhage
of the lungs and consumption.

Mr. Gould admitted that he has of late
been frequently in the Sans Souci, but can-
not say whether he was there on the nights of
Feb. 4, 5 and 6 as charged by Policemen
John F. Tupper and John F. Flood, of the
Central office.

It was my habit to visit the place as I met many
of my friends there. I was merely a visitor.
I have not kept the place since February 1887. The place is filled up
as a restaurant and bar and I have been in the habit of
visiting the place there. I have not exercised the
slightest authority in the place for a year past.

He frequently heard a piano played in the
basement. I have heard two men sing a duet
and another a song, but I did not know the men and
did not learn their names. I did not know the names of the
men who were singing. I did not know the names of the
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men who were singing.

Many of the patrons of the place are actors
and actresses, and I, as well as other visitors, have re-
ceived numerous presents to sing, and many have
been without being requested.

Beverages were sold in the place, but the waters
did not apply to me as to whom they should apply.
Mr. Gould asserted that he had been
charged before Justice White, on Feb. 9,
with the identical offense charged here, and
that the complaint was dismissed.

Thomas E. Gould swore that he is the
present sole proprietor of the Sans Souci.
He purchased it from Thomas F. Parker,
Gould's brother-in-law, on Feb. 25, 1887, and
the sale was recorded in the Recorder's Office.
He asserted that the policies of insurance in his
name. He swore he had paid all the bills
and the wages of the help for the past ten
months.

Howe next produced affidavits from
Thomas Redfern, James Moore, Henry Au-
derson and Morris Grant, employees of the
saloon, to the effect that Wozlan was the pro-
prietor, and that Gould had no authority
there.

At recess Mr. Howe said he had an engage-
ment for 2 o'clock and hoped that his ab-
sence at that hour would not be deemed a
disrespect to the Court.

Your client will run the risk of imprison-
ment, that's all," said Judge Patterson.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET.

Stocks Jump Upward—Adler's Suicide Makes
Brunswick Drop.

The speculative interest which yesterday centered
in the Southern stocks was this morning trans-
ferred to the gold shares, which developed
strength. Chapin having been the principal buyer,
it was currently reported that George Gould had
given out the orders under instructions from his
father, who is expected here shortly.

Manhattan bounded up 3/4, gold rose to 105 1/2,
and Missouri Pacific and Western Union rose about 1/2.
The general list was firm in sympathy
and some of the shorts were frightened into cover-
ing. St. Paul was noticeably strong, rising to 78.

A little stir was created at the Consolidated Ex-
change this morning by a sudden drop in Brun-
swick mining stock to 1 1/2. The decline was caused
by the death of Charles Adler, who was the principal
supporter of the stock. Adler committed suicide
yesterday.

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